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Today the installation supported a DHHS site survey of the land designated for potential DHHS temporary shelter operations (parcel 1 on the attachment). The DHHS survey team consisted of two personnel (one DHHS government representative and one contractor affiliated with the DHHS support contract). The survey was also attended by Pat McNiece from DCE Rgn VI, on behalf of ARNORTH. Fort Bliss representatives were provided by DPTMS, DES, DPW, and G3, 1AD.

The survey teams primary focus was to physically assess the land to determine what ground work would be required to make the site suitable for supporting a 5k capacity temporary shelter camp. The team conducted an out brief with me at 1115, and have now departed the installation.

Current situation: DHHS made me aware, during the in brief, that they recently issued a task order to their contractor to establish a 4k capacity temporary shelter capability at the Tornillo port of entry (40 miles southeast of Fort Bliss). In previous discussions with DHHS, they informed me the preferred DoD site will be in close proximity of their non DoD located shelter, however, the amount of work required on our parcel of land is so significant that it may cause their leadership to look to more suitable options (ie other local non DoD federal land belonging to CBP), along with consideration of using Goodfellow AFB in San Angelo, TX.

Their overarching concern with the parcel is that it would take a lot of work to grade down to a stable foundation that would support tents and other requirements (expensive, time consuming, not financially supportable). This may be enough to sway the decision by their HHQ to look to some other options not related to Fort Bliss.

Way ahead: the DHHS representative will compile his survey assessment and submit to his HHQ for their consideration. He and I agreed to stay in touch during the process so we are not caught by surprise if Fort Bliss is selected, or they opt to go elsewhere.

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